

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Most conventional apparatuses include a paper transport path on a lateral side of the apparatus, and therefore the paper path provided along the side surface of the apparatus must be opened to remove a sheet stuck in the path upon a paper jam. At the time, the operator must come around to the lateral side of the apparatus for operation, and the user in a wheelchair must move from the front to the lateral side of the apparatus. In the apparatus disclosed by JP-A-7-157140 Patent Document 1, upon a paper jam, the entire apparatus moves up and down to move a stuck paper sheet to a location where the paper can easily be removed. However, the operator in front of the apparatus cannot easily remove the stuck recording sheet from the transport path on the lateral side surface. —